

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include corrections of informalities noted in the drawings. These sheets, which include Fig. 2A, Fig. 18, Fig. 19, Fig. 25, Fig. 26, Fig. 27A and Fig. 28, replace the original sheets including Fig. 2A, Fig. 18, Fig. 19, Fig. 25, Fig. 26, Fig. 27A and Fig. 28.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed the specification and drawings as suggested by the Examiner and has provided corrections to typographical errors in the specification and the drawings, none of which add new subject matter.

The Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's statement that a number of claims (16, 17, 36, 37) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 21 have been amended to both correct objections cited by the Examiner and also to incorporate the allowed subject matter from claims 16, and 36, respectively. Claim 41 has been amended to correct the objections cited by the Examiner and is therefore also allowable as is claim 44 that incorporates allowed subject matter from claim 21. All remaining dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1, 21, 41, and 44 and are also believed to be allowable.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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